

WEBSTER



PARISH

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– Institute of Medicine. 1996. *Healthy Communities: New Partnerships for the Future of Public Health*. National Academy Press. p. 12



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History¹

Webster parish, established on February 27, 1871, was named after the great American orator, Daniel Webster. It is located in the beautiful rolling hill country of northwest Louisiana.

Culture and Recreation³

Webster Parish boasts superb hunting and fishing in beautiful Lake Bistineau, Caney Lakes and Kisatchie Forest. Minden, the parish seat, is a historic town where old brick streets still lead down Main street. The Historic Residential District includes both antebellum and Victorian homes. Seven miles north of Minden is the site of Germantown Colony Museum, a communal village settled in 1835. The colony is open to the public Wednesday through Sunday.



Parish Seat¹ Minden¹

Major Cities (over 5,000 population)²

Minden	
1990	13,661
1997 (estimate)	14,236
Springhill	
1990	5,668
1997 (estimate)	5,749

Parish Population²

1990	41,989
1997 (estimate)	42,607

Breakdown of 1996 population (estimates)⁶

White	66%
African American	34%
Other	0%
Male	47%
Female	53%
Population age 0-4	7%
Populations age 65 & over	17%



Geography and Statistics²

Average elevation	259 ft.
Land area in square miles	595.9
Water area in square miles ⁴	19.2

Climate²

Average temperatures	
Annual	65°
January	49°
July	81°
Annual average rainfall	67 in.

Labor Force (1995)¹

Civilian	18,800
Employed	16,700
Unemployed	2,100
Unemployment	11.2%

Agriculture¹

Forestry and cotton; diversified manufacturing (steel fabrication, wood- and timber-related industries), log hauling equipment and plywood.

Colleges/Universities² (within one hour commute)

Bossier

Bossier Parish Community

Grambling

Grambling State University

Shreveport

Centenary College

Louisiana State University

Southern University

Ruston

Louisiana Tech University

Public Libraries⁵ 9

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² Louisiana Department of Economic Development. 1999. Louisiana Overview. keyword: overview <http://lled.state.la.us>

Educational Attainment (1990)⁷

Less than 5th grade	4.3%
High school graduate or higher	63.9%
Some college or higher	28.4%
Bachelor's degree or higher	10.0%

Major Employers (Products) and Number of Employees²

Private Employers	
Fibrebond Corp. (Portable Buildings)/	
International Paper (Wood Products)	500
Minden Medical Center (Medical)	220
Public Employers	
Webster Parish School System (Education)	959

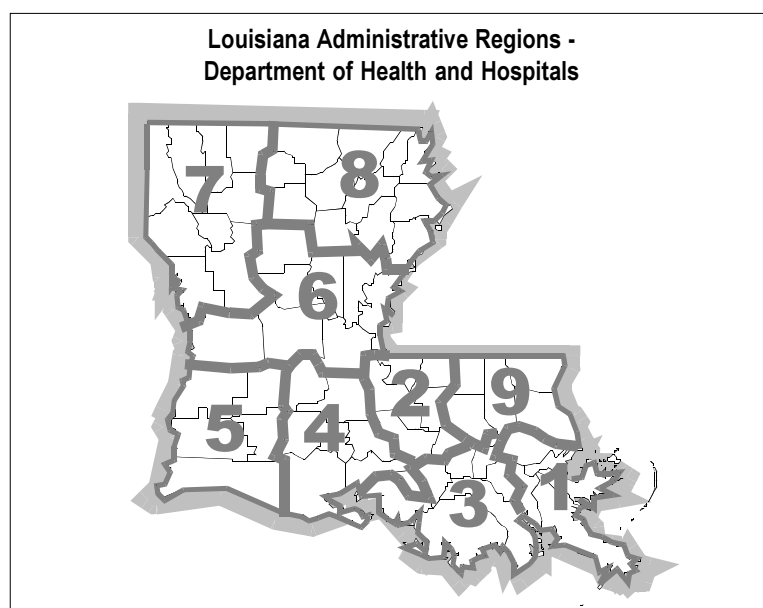
Poverty and Income

Persons in poverty (1995) ⁷	20.7%
Children under age 18 in poverty ⁷	31.4%
Per capita income (1996) ⁸	\$16,502



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Region 1

Jefferson
Orleans
Plaquemines
St. Bernard

Region 2

Ascension
East Baton Rouge
East Feliciana
Iberville
Pointe Coupee
West Baton Rouge
West Feliciana

Region 3

Assumption
Lafourche
St. Charles
St. James
St. John
St. Mary
Terrebonne

Region 4

Acadia
Evangeline
Iberia
Lafayette
St. Landry
St. Martin
Vermilion

Region 5

Allen
Beauregard
Calcasieu
Cameron
Jefferson Davis

Region 6

Avoyelles
Catahoula
Concordia
Grant
LaSalle
Rapides
Vernon
Winn

Region 7

Bienville
Bossier
Caddo
Claiborne
DeSoto
Natchitoches
Red River
Sabine
Webster

Region 8

Caldwell
East Carroll
Franklin
Jackson
Lincoln
Madison
Morehouse
Ouachita
Richland
Tensas
Union
West Carroll

Region 9

Livingston
St. Helena
St. Tammany
Tangipahoa
Washington